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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JULY 17

1. NYT (PAGE 12) "AURA OF DETENTE GLOWS IN LIGHT OF JOINT MISSION" BY JAMES F. CLARITY. REPORTS THAT, DURING JOINT SPACE MISSION, PLANS AND SPEECHES OF KISSINGER SEEM TO BE IMMUNE FROM USUAL SCRUTINY AND CRITICISM; ALLEGED COLLAPSE OF AMERICAN ECONOMY RELATIVELY UNDER-REPORTED AND EVEN PENTAGON SPARED HEAVY DAILY THUMPING IN OFFICIAL NEWS MEDIA. (OTHER ITEMS RE SOYUZ FLIGHT ON FRONT PAGE, ALL PAPERS).

2. SUN (PAGE 1) AP ITEM STATES THAT USSR HAS BOUGHT 2 MILLION METRIC TONS OF U.S. WHEAT FROM A MEMPHIS EXPORT COMPANY, DEPT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY, AND MINNEAPOLIS FIRM SAID ITS EUROPEAN AFFILIATE WAS COMPLETING ARRANGEMENTS TO SELL ADDITIONAL 1.2 MILLION TONS. (ALSO NYT, WP)

3. WP (PAGE 6) "KISSINGER EXPLAINS WRITER SNUB." QUOTES KISSINGER ON SOLZHENITSYN AT MINNEAPOLIS PRESS CONFERENCE. HIS STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY DENOUNCED BY SENATORS JACKSON
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AND BUCKLEY (ALSO NYT).

4. WP - EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN STATES KISSINGER, IN A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM ADVISED AGAINST PRESIDENT'S ATTENDING AFL-CIO BANQUET BUT ADDED IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO MEET SOLZHENITSYN AT A WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION. COLUMN DENOUNCES KISSINGER'S ADVICE AND ASSERTS PRESIDENT'S TREATMENT OF WRITER MORE TYPICAL OF NIXON THAN FORD.

5. CSM "MOSCOW RAPS PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS" BY ELIZABETH POND, REFERRING TO COMMENTARIES IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA.

6. CSM COMMENTARY "THE SUPER-POWER DUET" BY JOSEPH HARSCH. AMERICANS DISLIKE TYRANNY BUT U.S. AS A SUPER-POWER HAS BUSINESS TO TRANSACT WITH THE ONLY OTHER SUPERPOWER. IT IS INCONSISTENT, BUT PROBABLY NECESSARY.

7. CSM "US FOOD DEALS ARE BECOMING PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT." USSR AND US ARE PIONEERING NEW RELATIONSHIPS ON FOOD AS THEY ARE IN SPACE. THE RESULT MAY SHAKE THE WORLD.

8. WP EDITORIAL "APOLLO AND SOYUZ." WE CAN SALUTE THE MEN ABOARD APOLLO-SOYUZ WITHOUT FINDING IN IT MUCH OF LASTING SIGNIFICANCE. IN CONTRAST, CSM COMMENTS BY DAVID SALISBURY LOOKS FORWARD TO FRUITFUL COOPERATION, SOVIET CONCENTRATING ON MANNED SPACE STATIONS AND U.S. ON SPACE SHUTTLE. KISSINGER

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